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DUNCAN TO HAVE BIG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

There is to be a big Christmas celebration in Duncan this year, the program to contain horse races, roping contests, dances and a boxing program. Races are to occur on the three days of the celebration, the 24th, 25th and 26th. The roping contest will take place on the 25th, as will also a free-for-all sweepstakes race for a \$150.00 prize. The main race will be run on the 24th, when a matched race for a purse of \$600 will be run, the contestants being "The Don Pal," owned by Fulcher of Clifton, and "Lorain," owned by Campbell of Safford.

There will be a good boxing card, the main event being a 10-round go between Mack Spaw of Duncan and Russell Chambers of Douglas. There will be 15 rounds of preliminaries.

There will be a dance on Saturday night and another on Monday night.

County Treasurer Collins of Clifton was a Duncan visitor on Wednesday. He was accompanied by E. C. Bunker, the Clifton hotel clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Brooks were Clifton visitors on last Saturday.

Farm Advisor Gilpin was a visitor at Safford on last Saturday.

Cashier E. H. Green of the First National Bank of Clifton was a Duncan visitor on Tuesday.

M. O. Sims of Clifton was a business visitor here on Tuesday.

Mrs. L. E. Wilkenson is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis, and will soon be able to resume her duties at the Wilkenson & Carter store. Mrs. M. H. Brooks has been in charge of the store during her illness.

The Saturday club, joined by the ladies of the M. E. church are to have a Christmas program on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd, at the Duncan theatre. There will be a musical program and goodies will be distributed to the little folks. All are invited to be in attendance.

COUPLE SURPRISE FRIENDS BY EARLY MORNING WEDDING

Rev. and Mrs. Roscoe Stapp announce the marriage of their sister Geneva, to Mr. Cortie O. Douglas, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Douglas being now located in Clifton with the Forest Service.

The ceremony was solemnized on Saturday morning, December 10th, at five o'clock, in the Baptist parsonage. Rev. Stapp, the bride's brother officiating. The rooms were tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and chrysanthemums. The bride wore a travel suit of navy blue.

After a breakfast at which sixteen guests were served, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas left by automobile for El Paso and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and will be absent ten days. Upon their return they will occupy the cottage adjoining the parsonage and will be at home to their friends after January 5th 1922.

S. P. CO. CUTS EAST AND WESTBOUND RATES

Transcontinental freight rate reductions and changes in groupings, having the effect of giving lower rates are announced by the Southern Pacific Company, the effective date of the changes depending on the concurrence of the eastern lines.

Numerous changes are being made in the list of articles embraced on the "Packing House Products" groupings, both eastbound and westbound. These changes will result in lower charges on packing house products and fresh meats, and are made for the purpose of re-aligning the commodity groupings on these articles.

The present eastbound rates on canned fruits and vegetables will be extended to include canned grains (canned hominy, corn, etc.) This represents a reduction from \$3.25 to New York and \$2.92 to Chicago to \$1.42 to all eastern points.

A reduction will also be made in the minimum carload weight on shipments of horse-drawn vehicles in carload lots, as well as on motor vehicle freight bodies, from 30,000 pounds to 20,000 pounds.

PEQUEIRA APPOINTED CONSUL AT DOUGLAS

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 12—Alfonso Pequeira, former Mexican consul here, at present assistant consul at El Paso, has been re-appointed consul here, according to word received here today. Sr. Pequeira will relieve Ives G. Lelivier here. Mr. Lelivier has not yet been informed of his future post, but it is understood that he will be stationed at some border point.

ARIZONA SOLON RESIGNS

Tombstone, Ariz.—Dana T. Milner of Bowie, Republican member of the state house of representatives from the sixth Cochise county district, today tendered his resignation to the board of supervisors. His successor has not yet been appointed.

LISTEN—Go to Riley's Confectionery for that Christmas Candy.

Grist Gathered at the Court House

James C. Battle, has this week filed an action in the Superior court against G. E. Head for the recovery of the sum of \$528.54 which the defendant claims is due and owing him on an open book account, for a balance due for goods, merchandise and wares sold and delivered to the defendant Head during a period of three years, by Cooper, Coate & Casey Dry Goods Company of Los Angeles, California, which company assigned their claim to the said plaintiff herein.

Ross McGuire, an infant, by D. T. McGuire, his Guardian ad litem, plaintiff, vs. Norman Carmichael, and The Arizona and New Mexico Railway Company, a corporation, defendant, is the title of a case filed in the Superior Court this week. The plaintiff herein alleges that on or about the 11th day of October, 1921, said infant Ross McGuire, escaped from the care and custody of his mother and wandered upon a railroad crossing below Duncan about a mile. That while the said infant was playing upon the crossing a gas-powered automobile car of which the defendants herein had full charge and driven by them, approached said crossing, and although said crossing being perfectly straight and defendants in the automobile could have, by ordinary diligence, seen the plaintiff upon said track for a distance of over a half mile, said defendants ran into and knocked said infant about ten feet, rendering him unconscious and causing injuries to his head, face and body. Damages are prayed for in the sum of \$10,000.00.

Mary Eva Haynie, was this week granted a decree of divorce from her husband on the ground of desertion and non-support. She was also awarded the sole care and custody of their minor child, Douglas Haynie, aged four years.

E. C. Fitzgerald was this week appointed Executor of the last Will and Testament of Ben M. Crawford, deceased, and will serve without bond under the terms of the will.

James Trainor was appointed Administrator of the estate of Sarah I. Montgomery, deceased, and his bond fixed in the sum of \$500.00.

Allen Arnett was this week appointed Administrator of the estate of Jacob Arnett, deceased, and his bond fixed in the sum of \$1200.00.

George Sutherland, Administrator of the estate of A. R. Sutherland, deceased, was this week granted an order confirming the sale of real and personal property, Mr. Sutherland having sold the ranch holdings and cattle and horses belonging to said estate.

Marcelino Bernal was this week bailed before Justice of the Peace F. E. Fox on a charge of petit larceny. A complaint having been made to the judge by a Chase Creek merchant. Upon examination the defendant pleaded guilty and the court sentenced him to a four months term in the County Jail.

A chilly atmosphere obtains in and about the Court House since last Sunday when the heating plant of the building went out of commission. The offices are now heated by oil stoves, this requiring the doors of the various offices to remain closed, so do not go on your way when you have business there, with the impression that the office is locked, but walk right in and you will probably find someone hovering about an oil stove. This condition will probably prevail for the next month as about three ton of material has been wired for from Birmingham, Alabama, and until this arrives the oil stoves will be the only source of heating.

The Clerk of the Superior Court issued one marriage license this week: the parties being, Cortie O. Douglas, to Genava Stapp, both residents of Clifton.

Chattel Mortgages
Herbert Jessop to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
O. J. Nelson to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Juan Garcia to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Jose Lujan to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Miguel Montoya to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Ernest Mitchell to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Herbert Jessop to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
J. I. Watson to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
H. P. Wilkins to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Harry C. Jennings to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Juan Navarro to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Edgar Laney to Arizona Copper Company, Ltd.
Mrs. Katie Fritz to William Leslie, Harvey T. Grady to Robert W. Buck.

Adelaido Cuevas to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
M. M. Del Campo to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
H. N. Montgomery to Dr. J. H. Briley
Bills of Sale
William S. Stewart to Carrie V. Stewart

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE IS NOW IN FULL SWING

The Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale in Arizona is now in full swing. In each of the fourteen Counties local committees have organized their forces and are indicating a wonderful spirit of co-operation with the State Tuberculosis Association in our efforts to make the gross sale over the State reach the sum of \$30,000.

The Seal Sale Committee appreciates the unusual industrial conditions in Arizona at this time, but we also face the fact that the tuberculosis problem is just as critical as ever and that funds are needed for our work during 1922.

The following information should be of help and inspiration to local Seal Sale Chairman and their assistants.

The Arizona State Board of Health has placed its official stamp of approval upon the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale in Arizona.

The National Headquarters of the American Red Cross at Washington endorse the Seal Sale and express their wishes for its success.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has issued a circular letter to all Health Chairmen of Women's Clubs in Arizona urging their hearty support of the Sale.

Samuel Gompers, President, American Federation of Labor, commends the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association and urges Union Labor to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Tuberculosis Association.

President Harding, Honorary Vice-President of the National Tuberculosis Association asks for a general response to our appeal for funds through the Sale of the Christmas Seals.

The need in Arizona is great. Extensive organization which will place the Christmas Seals within the reach of every one will insure a sale which will produce funds sufficient for the work. The business and financial depression need not affect the Seal Sale if all are given an opportunity to purchase Seals. The aggregate of thousands of seals will be a sum of surprising proportions.

This is the one time in each year when funds are secured for a statewide work of relief and prevention of tuberculosis. The State Anti-Tuberculosis Association thanks all of those people who have so kindly consented to assist in conducting the sale. Very definite plans have been made for carrying out this humanitarian movement during the year 1922. The hearty co-operation of all is requested in making possible the realization of our aims to help the hundreds of needy child and adult cases in Arizona.

Sincerely yours,
T. C. CUVELLIER,
Executive Secretary.

NO REINSTATEMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31—

No reinstatements of government insurance can be made after Dec. 31, according to word received at national headquarters of the American Legion. All ex-service men can reinstate their government insurance except those who have a disability not traceable to service. The yearly renewable term insurance may be reinstated by the payment of two monthly premiums. The applicant must state that he is in good health and provide a report of full medical examination substantiating that statement.

George Sutherland, Administrator to Pat Sutherland.

James A. Cosper to Harvey T. Grady.

Paulina Garcia to Inez Soliz, et al. D. B. Gibson, to H. N. Montgomery J. W. Hackney, to H. E. Nelson.

Order Confirming Sale of Real Estate
In the Matter of the Estate of W. P. McGinty, deceased.
In the Matter of the Estate of A. R. Sutherland, deceased.

Proofs of Labor
Sen Geronimo, et al. by Perfecto Calderon.

San Francisco Claim by Carmine Cupelli.

Y. Yaffano by Carmine Cupelli. Banker by Carmine Cupelli.

St. Joseph by Carmine Cupelli. St. John by Carmine Cupelli.

La Venezia by Carmine Cupelli.

Assignment of Mortgage
Nettle Webster to J. G. McGrady.

Satisfaction of Mortgage
The Bank of Duncan to Louis Dean First National Bank to John L. Crawleigh.

A. H. Cooper to J. R. Jones Peoples Bank and Trust Company to J. W. Hackney.

Warranty Deed
Charles L. Sands to Emma Sands

Conditional Sale
West Publishing Company to A. R. Lynch.

U. S. A. Discharge
U. S. A. to Albert L. Young.

Administrators Deed
George Sutherland, Administrator of the estate of A. R. Sutherland, deceased, to Pat Sutherland.

Cancellation of Conditional Sale
M. E. Crawford and C. K. Fulcher.

SUSPECT JAILED AT PHOENIX WANTED AS P.O. BANDIT

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13—Postoffice inspectors tonight announced that E. B. Whitney, who was arrested in the United States district court room here last Saturday during the trial of Roy Gardner, mail robber, had been identified as a man under indictment in Dubuque, Ia., and Peoria, Ill., as well as the one who robbed postoffice substation No. 20 in Chicago May 13, 1916.

A bench warrant for Whitney's arrest also has been issued in Dubuque, the inspectors said, because he jumped his bond while waiting trial there. The charges in the indictments are unknown to inspectors here, but they have been informed that both indictments and the warrant are being mailed to this city.

Admits Chicago Robbery
Whitney, the inspectors said, has admitted the Chicago robbery and also has admitted serving a five-year sentence in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., for that offense. His term expired last June.

He refused to discuss the other indictments, however. When informed of the Peoria indictment, Whitney said, according to inspectors, "Well, I'm a busted balloon now."

The inspectors said they found postoffice money order forms in Whitney's possessions, as well as receipts indicating that he had rented safety deposit boxes in banks in at least a dozen cities throughout the country. Rent on these boxes, they said, had been paid in advance for 10 to 15 years in some cases. The inspectors said they believed the money order forms were part of the loot he secured in Chicago in 1916.

Claims to Be Clairvoyant
Whitney, who was arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Fred Weage as a "suspicious character" during Gardner's trial, told the inspectors that he arrived here at 8:30 Saturday morning from Yuma, Ariz. He said he went immediately to the court room, where he was arrested two hours later.

When first arrested he claimed he was a psychologist, but later said he was a clairvoyant, the inspectors said.

Whitney, according to the inspectors, is a drug addict and is believed to have been implicated in the smuggling of drugs across the Mexican border into the United States.

HELLO NEW YORK! MESSAGE RECEIVED

On Wednesday evening last, Ray M. Potter was "listening in" on his Radio receiving set at 12-20 when the clear strains of "Tripoli" floated through the ether and into the receiver. After that selection and several other popular pieces had finished, a voice began talking, as clear and distinct as if it were in the same room. "This is 2xR, Radio Telephone 463 West street, New York City. We would like to hear from any ship or land station over one thousand miles from New York City. Let us know how the music and voice comes in."

The concerts sent out by Radio telephone from New York, San Francisco, Denver and numerous other transmitting stations, are enjoyed by thousands of people all over the United States and Canada, nightly.

FROM LOS ANGELES—

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Sturgeon and son James Gordon returned Friday evening from Los Angeles, Cal., where they have been residing for the past six months. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon came home to be present at Mrs. Sturgeon's parents' "Golden Anniversary" which was held at Masonic Hall on Dec. 15th by Mr. and Mrs. James S. Cromb.

STATE NOW HAS 35,044 AUTOS—

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13—The number of automobile licenses issued by the secretary of state's office during the first 11 months of the present year was 35,044 as compared to 34,222 during the corresponding period in 1920, according to an announcement made today by Ernest K. Hall, secretary of state.

Collections by the office during November amounted to \$14,773.65, the secretary said. The chief item in the receipts was the tax on gasoline, he said.

RANCHER KILLED WHILE ON PROSPECTING TRIP

Yuma, Dec. 13—Sid Ervin, a rancher, living on the California side of the Colorado river, near this city, was killed while on a prospecting trip in the Castle Dome mountains northeast of Yuma, according to a report received here today. Sheriff Jim Polhamus left immediately for the scene of the reported slaying to investigate. Ervin has a wife and eight children.

LOCAL DELEGATES ATTEND S.W. GOOD ROADS MEETING

Quite a number of road enthusiasts left here last Saturday morning to attend the Meeting of the Southwest Good Roads Association which convened in Safford on that day. The meeting was well attended by delegates from Grant and Graham counties as well as Greenlee.

The morning program was presided over by R. A. Armstrong, president of the Chamber of Commerce at Safford, with Burton Bunch acting as secretary. President Armstrong voiced a strong welcome to all delegates on behalf of Safford and Graham county. Past Secretary L. A. W. Burch gave a short sketch of the history of the Southwestern Good Roads Association.

Details of plans for draining parts of the valley below Safford were given by Martin Layton, of Safford. Col. Dell M. Potter introduced motion suggesting naming committees in each county, to act with various boards of county commissioners and supervisors in advertising and signing the highway from dam to dam and other connections east and west, by a concerted plan of signing and advertising.

The plan contemplates the erection of large signs, showing the main points of the road at crossings and tourist centers east of El Paso, for instance, and at Roswell, and still further east in Oklahoma and Texas districts. It would be put into effect as soon as possible.

News of the recent decision of the board of supervisors of Graham county, in which Safford is located, to authorize an election on January 28th, to vote a bond issue of a half-million dollars, to which a million dollars of federal aid money would be added for the construction of a concrete highway across the county, was one of the most important announcements of the meeting. The carrying of the election for the bonds seems assured.

The building of such a concrete road across Graham county, to connect on the east with the present and contemplated roads of Greenlee county, and then with the new Mule Creek road, now building to the New Mexico line, where it will be joined by New Mexico construction from Mule Creek west, would add another strong link in the trans-state Dam-to-Dam Highway, of which the Mule Creek section is the last remaining unopened portion. It was pointed out at the meeting by Road Engineer Parker of the Arizona Highway Department that the National Highway, of which the Dam-to-Dam road will be a part, is entirely completed from Memphis, largely completed through Oklahoma and Texas and a large part under construction through New Mexico to Arizona. On the west, he said, California will soon have completed the paved roads from Los Angeles and San Diego to Yuma, and Yuma county is building to the Maricopa line in Arizona. Maricopa county is extending its paving to meet the Yuma line on the west, and the Superior-Miami road and the Apache Trail on the east. This will leave the Graham county stretch, which is contemplated in the bond issue: part of San Carlos and part of Greenlee county to be built, which parts are assured, he believed.

The completion of these portions of the road would increase travel a hundred per cent at once, in his opinion.

Importance Is Realized
Emphasis was placed on the importance of this work to the New Mexico counties interested in the Black Range, or Dam-to-Dam Highway which must be put into standard condition within the next few years. Roads in Greenlee county, in which the Mule Creek road is now being built, are known generally as the best system of county and state roads in the Southwest, and these will connect directly with the other roads to the west mentioned by Engineer Parker, as soon as the Mule Creek road has been connected up.

New Officers

The officers elected at the meeting are as follows:

W. S. Cox, Silver City, President.

Burton Bunch, Silver City, N. M., Secretary. Headquarters are always in the town in which the president lives.

Vice Presidents
Grant County, N. M., J. E. Gilchrist, Silver City.

Catron Co. N. M., S. J. Kidder, Mogollon.

Greenlee Co. Ariz., E. H. Green, Clifton.

Gila County, Ariz., R. C. Andrus, Globe.

Sierra Co. N. M., C. C. Rea, Hillsboro.

Graham Co. Ariz., Martin Layton, Safford.

Hidalgo County, N. M., F. R. Coon, Lordsburg.

Maricopa Co., Ariz., Dwight B. Heard, Phoenix.

Luna Co. N. M., J. A. Rhea, Deming.

Socorro Co. N. M., Geo. Keith, Socorro.

Los Angeles County, Cal., Frank Wiggins, Los Angeles.

GARDNER GIVEN 25 YEARS FOR PHOENIX MAIL CAR ROBBERY

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 12—Withdrawing his plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity," Roy Gardner, twice convicted of mail robberies, today pleaded guilty in the United States district court here to another charge of having attempted to rob a mail car here and received his third sentence of 25 years in a federal penitentiary. Gardner now has been sentenced to serve a total of 75 years in federal prison.

In sentencing Gardner, however, Judge William H. Sawtelle told him that this sentence did not mean that he would have to spend 75 years in prison. "How long you stay there depends entirely upon your own conduct," the judge said.

Wife Stands by Him

Hope that Gardner would change his attitude toward the laws and government and become a good citizen "both for your own sake and for the sake of your wife, who has stood by you in this case, thus demonstrating her love for and loyalty to you", was expressed by Judge Sawtelle. Mrs. Gardner was beside Gardner as sentence was pronounced.

As soon as sentence was pronounced Thomas A. Flynn, United States district attorney, moved that the charge of robbing a mail car at Maricopa, Ariz., on November 3 be dismissed and the court ordered that that be done. It was on this charge that Gardner was tried last week. He admitted committing the robbery, but claimed he was insane at the time. The jury which heard the case was unable to agree on a verdict.

Mail Clerk Gets Reward

Gardner was captured during his attempt to rob the car here by Herman F. Indersied, clerk in charge of the car. At first the department of justice ordered that Gardner be taken to Leavenworth, Kan., to serve the sentences already imposed upon him without further trial here. When it was found, however, that this would prevent the payment of a reward of \$5,000 to Mr. Indersied, it was ordered that Gardner be tried here.

IGNITES CLOTHING AND FIGHTS OFF RESCUERS

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 12—Following an attempt at suicide, in which the victim ignited her clothing by flames from a bonfire, Miss Guadalupe Preciado died here at an early hour Sunday morning.

Shortly after midnight Saturday night Miss Preciado attempted suicide and fought to beat off rescuers until her burns were so serious as to assure death as a consequence. Emergency medical measures failed to revive the victim and she died within a few hours. Miss Preciado was well known in local Mexican circles and resided at 51 West Simpson street.

TWO SOLDIERS HELD FOR ROBBERY AND KIDNAPING

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 12—Ray Cooper and J. McDonald, soldiers at Camp Harry J. Jones here, were arrested today on charges of having been connected with the alleged kidnapping and robbing of Robert Malahan, local taxicab driver.

The soldiers are alleged to have held up Malahan and then to have taken his automobile, which they are said to have driven into Mexico. Malahan reported that he fought with the men and succeeded in escaping from them.

Riverside County, Cal., A. A. Horton, Blythe.

Clifton Delegates

Among the Clifton delegates who attended the meeting were:

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hobbs, E. R. Sherbridge, R. Stephens, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. W. Hurd, W. E. McDowell, Col. Dell M. Potter, Raymond M. Potter, M. O. Sims, E. H. Green, Mat Danenhauer, L. F. Sweeting, John Bradberry, Miss McAllister, O. J. Cotey, A. J. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gamble, E. J. Lehman, Geo. E. Gamble.

Delegates Entertained

Saturday evening an excellent banquet was given for the visiting delegates at Byers Hall. It is estimated that there were 318 guests present at this banquet, for which the Safford committee had killed 125 turkeys.

Among the speakers at the various sessions were Col. Dell M. Potter of Clifton, president of the Southwestern National Highway Association, Engineer Parker, Dr. L. A. W. Burch of Clifton, William Harris and Burton Bunch of Silver City, Dr. Nelson D. Braxton of Miami, L. L. Henry of Globe, W. W. Pease of Safford, W. H. Keegan of Globe, R. C. Andrus of Globe, C. C. Rea of Hillsboro. The annual meeting of the association will be held in the spring of next year at a place to be named later by the board of directors. The last meeting was held in Silver City in April, this year.